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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner 

RE: Requests for Waiver of School Day

A Declaration of State of Emergency and "travel ban" issued by the Governor of Rhode Island resulted in the closing of schools on January 27, 2105, due to extreme weather conditions.

In accordance with R.I.G.L. 16-2-3: *Emergency Reduction of School Year*, the following school districts have requested that the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the reduction of their school year by one day during the 2014-15 school year from 180 days to 179 days, so that the districts do not have to extend the school year beyond June 26th:

- Cranston School Department
- East Providence School Department
- Middletown School Department
- Pawtucket School Department
- Providence School Department
- South Kingstown School Department

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the Waiver Requests for one (1) day reduction of the school year submitted by the Cranston, East Providence, Middletown, Pawtucket, Providence, and South Kingstown School Departments.